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FOR ASST. SECRETARY ROGERS FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.), CS

SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S VISIT: ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEETING WITH
PRESIDENTS

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1. DURING CONVERSATION WITH ME JUST NOW, FOREIGN MINISTER FACIO SAID IT WAS UNFORTUNATE THAT THE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT SECRETARY KISSINGER WOULD MEET WITH THE PRESIDENTS OF CENTRAL AMERICA AND PANAMA HAD BEEN MADE BEFORE THE INVITATIONS COULD BE ISSUED. IN RESPONSE TO MY QUESTION ON WHAT COULD BE DONE TO MAKE AMENDS, FACIO SUGGESTED THAT THE AMERICAN AMBASSADORS IN THE CAPITALS CONCERNED BE ASKED TO SPEAK TO THE PRESIDENT OR FOREIGN MINISTER AND EXPLAIN WHAT HAPPENED. HE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THIS COULD BE DONE BEFORE HIS VISITS TO DELIVER FORMAL INVITATIONS. HE WILL LEAVE SAN JOSE ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11. FACIO SAID THAT PRESIDENT ODUBER WOULD BE TELEPHONING THE PRESIDENTS
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TO ISSUE ORAL INVITATIONS.

2. GUATEMALAN AMBASSADOR TO COSTA RICA HAS EXPRESSED DOUBTS THAT PRESIDENT LAUGERUD WILL WISH TO LEAVE GUATEMALA FOR ANY PURPOSE NOT CONNECTED WITH THE EARTHQUAKE IF AT ALL. FACIO EXPRESSED UNDERSTANDING BUT INSISTED THAT PRESIDENT ODUBER COULD NOT FAIL TO INVITE PRESIDENT LAUGERUD ALONG WITH THE OTHER CENTRAL AMERICAN PRESIDENTS.
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